

Titusville Morning Herald.

Titusville, Monday, July 8, 1867.

PUBLISHED EVERY DAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Fire Insurance - F. Bates & Co.

Hotel - R. M. Jackson.

Vestiges.

The Good Templar organization of this city

now numbers one hundred and seventy persons.

J. G. Arbutnot, Burgess of Oil City, has

resigned his office with the intention of removing

to Allegheny county.

A new use has been discovered for iron pu-

trium. Saturated rags with it and put them in

rat holes and the rats will leave the premises.

An exhibition, consisting of dialogues, songs,

choruses, &c., is to be given on Wednesday eve-

ning by the Sabbath school children of St. Titus

Church.

The Erie says Mr. John Halderman, of Pit-

tsburg, has an arm broken on the Fourth at Pe-

troleum Centre, by being accidentally thrown from

his horse.

Two thousand seven hundred cord of wood

were burned at Northport, Erie county, on Wed-

nesday night last. It belonged to the Buffalo and

Erie Railroad Company.

The convict Riley, who escaped from the

Sheriff of Venango county some weeks since, by

jumping from a steamboat into the Allegheny

river, heavily ironed, has been seen at Lockport,

N. Y.

It will be seen by a telegraphic dispatch from

Rochester, N. Y., that White, the lion-slayer of

Thayer & Noyes' circus, who recently exhibited

here, was nearly torn to pieces by the animals

during a recent exhibition in that place.

James Kernahan, Charles Johnson, Howard

T. Johnson, Russell Johnson and Enoch Beardsley

were severely indicted by the Grand Jury of the

United States District Court at Erie on Friday,

for passing counterfeit United States Treasury

notes.

The Hon. Samuel Galloway has written a letter

declining the Republican nomination for

Lieutenant Governor of Ohio. The State Execu-

tive Committee, to whom it is addressed, will

meet in Columbus on the 10th inst. to supply the

vacancy thus created.

John A. Dale, Esq., of Titusville, is a candidate

for Associate Judge in Forest county. Mr.

Dale was the first Republican elected to office in

Venango county. The people were so well

pleased with the experiment that they have elected

him to the same office.

A telegraph operator of Pithole, who is given

to walking in his sleep, was found lying upon

the ground in an insensible condition one night

last week. It is supposed he had fallen from his

bed-room window while attempting to step out

upon the sidewalk. He is severely hurt, but will

recover.

A grand steamboat excursion was made from

Erie to Port Dover, C. W., on the 4th. The ex-

cursionists were received in a friendly manner by

the natives; a meeting was organized for public

addresses, and speeches were made by Hon

Galsah A. Grow, of Reno, and General McMill-

mont, of Franklin, who were among the excur-

sionists.

The Assessor appointed to value National

Bank shares in Allegheny county, including the

banks of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, has just made

a report. The total market value of the stock

returned amounts to \$12,317,000. The total

nominal capital of the nineteen banks in the

county is but \$9,000,000. The market price is

thus nearly 35 per cent. above par. On this sum

a State tax of three mills is ordered.

The lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Tele-

graph Company will soon be in operation in

between Albany and New York. The line is com-

plete between Syracuse and Oswego, and is rap-

idly extending to Rochester. By the 20th of July

the company will have accepted and paid for

over three hundred miles of the line, and they

are very sanguine that by the first of December

next their wires will be in working order be-

tween New York and Chicago.

James Greenham, an individual arrested in

Venango county some two months ago on a

charge of passing counterfeit money, and con-

fined in the jail at Pittsburgh, on Monday last

made his escape while being conveyed from that

city to Erie, where he was to have his trial in the

United States District Court. He jumped from a

car while in full motion, since which nothing

has been heard from him, although the train was

immediately stopped and a thorough search in-

stituted.

Mr. E. H. Crittenden, late proprietor of the

Crittenden House in this city, has become pro-

prietor of a restaurant at No. 30 East Fourteenth

street, New York, between Fifth Avenue and

University place. Many of his Titusville ac-

quaintances will make a note of it, and "call

around" when they visit the city. If he can

manage a restaurant as well as he can a hotel,

he will soon make himself famous, even in Gotham.

The First National Bank of Titusville de-

clared a dividend of five per cent. for the last

months ending the 1st of July last. This in-

dicates a fair state of business, though the last

months have been dull the country through, as all

are aware.

A Change of Time.

The change of sentiment of the articles of the

London Times on American questions is rather

remarkable. In comparing the excise system of

the United States and Great Britain, the Times

fairly does us justice, criticizing our income tax

and its open pollution, even more severely than

many of our own newspapers. The manner in

which this nation has borne sudden and bitter-

to unknown burden of taxation, and already

paid off a respectable fraction of the public

debt, is quite a matter of surprise and admira-

tion to the Times, and that the last year has not

quite equalled the year before in this respect is

only excused. The paper referred to says:

The attitude of this year, however, must ne-

cessarily be regarded as exceptional. It is a year

of collapse after inflation, and the wonder is not

that the public income from this source should

have fallen off, but that so immense a revenue

should still be raised. The people of the United

States, \$1,000,000 in number, contribute \$25,000,000

to the Treasury, besides very heavy payments

in the shape of State taxation. Of this sum, more

than two-thirds is exacted under the various

forms of what we term inland Revenue, so that

the pressure upon the community may be easily

imagined. Before long, the Americans will prob-

ably find it advisable to relieve the industry of the

country by some relaxation of the burdens, but it

is really deserving notice that the very people who

were once accused of a tendency to the very rep-

ublican. On these terms, the debt may be

safely left undiminished until the reduction is

made for the advantage of the creditors them-

selves.

The last statements from the Treasury Depart-

ment show that even with the diminished reve-

nue of the present year, the decrease of the an-

nual debt has not altogether ceased, as the

Times feared must have been the case. But

whether another year will show that we have

reached this point or not, we shall be glad to find

our trans-Atlantic contemporary showing our

country so effectively that our friends in En-

gland find as good a market in London as in New

York.

CALL AT R. D. Fletcher & Co.'s and see the

great reduction in goods.

Reminiscences of the Olden Time.

BY JOHN REYNOLDS, ESQ.

From the Allegheny Repository.

The prevention clause in the act of Assembly

of 1792, was productive of much discussion in

the first years of the century. The opinion was

inductively circulated by Deputy Surveyors,

and other interested persons, that every tract

of 400 acres without a settlement commenced

and continued, was open to the entry and occupancy

of the first bona fide settler, without regard to

the previous warrant. Settlers who had entered

into contract with the several land companies to

fulfill the terms of settlement for a part of the

land, were disposed to claim the whole, under

the plea of that the companies had incurred for-

feiture of the land, and therefore the contract

was obtained by misrepresentation and was void.

The warrant was thus brought into conflict

with the contract of the land. The latter

was carried and approved by the opinion

of the United States District Court at Erie, and

was uniformly promulgated took possession of

the first and best vacant tract he could find, built

his cabin, and commenced to clear and cultivate

the land, and thus became a bona fide settler, and

with a population known as "settlers."

The companies who claimed the land by war-

rant, purchased from the State, were not disposed

to submit quietly to the intrusion; they appealed

to the courts of law and many writs of injunction

were served; the settlers held conventions, em-

ployed counsel, and were prepared for an ar-

duous contest. Lawful and unlawful measures

were carried and approved by the opinion

of the United States District Court at Erie, and

the excitement of the time. Unscrupulous and

desperate men were leaders in the controversy,

who contended that all means were morally right,

which would protect them in the possession of

the land. Hence in the heat of excitement a

plot was formed to destroy evidence, in the county

records and the offices of the land companies.

A veritable gunpowder plot was projected, to

blow up the Prothonotary office and the several

land offices in Erie and Meadville. When the

eve of accomplishment, one of the conspira-

tors relented, and with praiseworthy energy,

prevented the catastrophe, by visiting and reu-

nouncing with the principals.

The question at issue between the warrant

and settler turned upon the fact of prevention,

and if proved, the obligation of persistence af-

terwards, in fulfilling the conditions of settle-

ment specified in the act. The companies claimed

that a prevention operated in discharge of

the warrant was perfected. By agreement, a case

was put at issue, and argued before Judge

Washington, of the U. S. District Court at San-

bury, Pa., and a decision on above points given

in favor of the warrant. This settled as be-

tween the warrant and the intruder, the legal

question of prevention, and the conditions of set-

tlement continued to agitate and produce disor-

ders between settlers arising from an entry upon

an improved tract during a temporary absence of

the first occupants, were frequent. Such a case

is now pending in the U. S. District Court at

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